

Citizens Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

The Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC) met on August 7, 2007, at 5:00PM in the Vermillion County Emergency Response Office in Clinton, Indiana.

Pledge of Allegiance

Cliff Wojtalewicz led everyone in saying the pledge of allegiance.

Call to Order

Cliff Wojtalewicz called the CAC meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum

Rick Card conducted the roll call, and it was determined there was a quorum present.

The following CAC members were present:

Larry Bemis
Rod Bosley
Ramon Colombo
Tom Linson

Dr. Fred Martin
Dick Setliff
Cliff Wojtalewicz

The following CAC member was absent:

Pamela Ferguson
Rev. Cleytus Malone

Other Attendees

Leonard Akers
Jesse Barber
Jeff Brubaker
Rick Card
Ginger Corado
Ron DeGuire
Darla Eslinger
Susan Gilman
Jeff Gum
Tom Kutz
Bob Lintelman
Anna Lowe
Kirt Lowry
Sandra Maxfield

William Maxfield
Mike Phelps
Doug Reehl
Bill Rennels
Scott Rowden
Mary Silotto
Barbara Stewart
Douglas Stroud
Margaret Thompson
Tom Walker
Bobette Warnick
David Weddle
Joe Whitaker
Lauren Zuber

Remarks by Cliff Wojtalewicz

Cliff Wojtalewicz thanked members on behalf of the Governor and Director Dietz for attending and giving their service to this commission.

Approval of minutes

Cliff Wojtalewicz asked that the minutes from the March 29, 2007 meeting be reviewed. The commission approved the minutes by consent.

Remarks by Lt. Col. Brian Lynch

Lt. Col. Brian Lynch updated the commission on future activities of the Depot (in terms of final closure). Lt. Col Lynch reported they have begun to assist/coordinate the Vermillion County Economic Growth Development team, local authorities, and other state agencies to develop a plan for future use of the Depot.

Second, Lt. Col. Lynch thanked Col. Jesse Barber for his hard work and efforts with the Depot. He reported that this would be Col. Barber's last CAC meeting.

Remarks by Jeff Brubaker

Jeff Brubaker updated members on the VX destruction. Thus far, 1,085 ton containers drained and 1,616,106 pounds of VX have been neutralized. This represents over 63% of the original stockpile. There have been 262 intermodal containers filled with hydrolystate, which equates to 950,154 gallons. Furthermore, 102 containers or 368,504 gallons have been safely shipped and processed at Veolia in Texas, and three (3) additional containers are currently being shipped to Texas at this time. Furthermore, 1,015 ton containers have been successfully processed to 5x condition (>1000F for 15 minutes).

Jeff Brubaker then gave an update on recent accomplishments. For instance, when the process was started in 2005, there were eight (8) storage igloos at the Depot. Currently, four (4) of the eight (8) agent storage igloos have been emptied. In accordance with the safety plan and Indiana State Law only twelve (12) containers are shipped per week. Next, the recycling of 5x ton containers was initiated with 633 containers; and has been shipped offsite to Alabama. Also, the Depot is working with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in an effort to seek permit modification. The first permit request deals with repacking secondary waste and the second request deals with treatment of metal components using TCL-ESD during closure. Finally, the closure plan is under development, and is being completed with cooperation from NECD and IDEM.

Lastly, Jeff Brubaker informed members that agent neutralization ought to be completed during Spring/Summer of 2008. The closure of NECDF is forecasted at 18 to 24 months.

Remarks by Col. Jesse Barber

Col. Jesse Barber updated members on Chemical Weapons Treaty Milestone. In June of 2007, the 45% milestone was made (deadline was for December). Col. Barber thanked the Newport team for their hard work.

Col. Barber then informed the members how critical safety is at all levels. The safety of the public and environment are the main concerns. Performance (e.g., meeting a percentage) is not considered when safety of the workers, public, and environment is at risk. Many safety procedures are in place.

Next, we have always safe-sided our method of development. The OPCW uses a three (3) ion method of confirmation. With three (3) ions, the lowest level that can be obtained is 47 parts per billion. The lowest level we can reach is approximately 9.3 parts per billion, but we only look for a single ion. A number will always be detected; fortunately, we are following all safety measures.

Col. Barber informed CAC that his replacement is Col. Robert Billington, who was unable to attend this CAC meeting. Col. Billington should be onsite by the end of the month. The official transfer of authority will take place on September 10, 2007.

Col. Barber then thanked individuals in Indiana for their contributions to the State of Indiana and our country.

CSEPP Closeout Update by Rick Card

Rick Card reported that CSEPP is nearing an end. Parke County has hired the DE Tech Company to assist with property transfers for the three (3) CSEPP counties that are undergoing the CSEPP closeout.

Newport Outreach and Activities Update

Susan Gilman updated members. For instance, we had a public meeting at the local high school regarding hydrolystate. We informed the public that the 50% milestone was met. Members of the public were also informed via a mailer. Furthermore, the public was kept up-to-date with information being available at county fairs.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Leonard Akers asked why the IDHS website does not have the current CAC minutes posted? Rick Card informed him that the IDHS website is undergoing a revision and the minutes should be posted soon.

Public Comments

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting date has yet to be announced.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded. Motion Carried.
Meeting Adjourned.